

*REMARKS*

In response to the Office Action mailed June 11, 2004, Applicant amends his application and requests reconsideration. In this Amendment examined claim 2 is cancelled and claims 5-8 are added so that claims 1 and 3-8 are now pending.

The Examiner requested that a prior art label be added to Figures 6 and 7 and replacement drawing sheets including that amendment are attached. Approval is requested.


The patent application describes an attachment for a towing apparatus. The attachment is particularly directed to engaging heavy vehicles with large leaf springs reliably, preventing undesired motion of the towed vehicle during towing. The illustrated and described embodiment falls within the scope of and supports the remaining amended claims and the four newly presented claims.

Examined claims 1-4 were rejected as anticipated by Mortimer (U.S. Patent 099,012). This rejection is respectfully traversed as to the claims now presented.

A careful review of Mortimer and of the other publications cited in the Office Action shows that none of these patents describes or suggests the vehicle towing attachment as defined by the claims now pending. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-8 should be allowed.

Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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*AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS*

The Examiner is requested to approve the changes to Figures 6 and 7, as shown on the attached replacement sheets of drawings. The attached sheets include the addition of a "prior art" label to Figures 6 and 7.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)